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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

2009 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE GUIDE



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Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off:

- 1. HHW is accepted for drop-off **ONLY** on second Saturday of April through November
- 2. **Location:** DPW Yard at 1, Franey Road
- 3. **Time:** 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon
- 4. **FOR RESIDENTS WITH VALID PROOF ONLY.**
- 5. **NOT FOR** property owners not living in Somerville. **NOT OPEN FOR** Businesses.
- **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** *paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries., compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and rechargeable batteries.*
- **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** *Asbestos, photo chemicals, heating oil,, medical waste. Any large quantity that could be determined as commercial waste, won't be accepted as Household Hazardous Waste. Any quantity from property management for apartments.*
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR HHW WASTE IN. CARDBOARD BOXES OR AS LOOSE CONTAINERS IN THE CAR TRUNK.**
- **PLASTIC /TRASH BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF SPILL.**
- Passenger car tires without rims (**max. 4**) may be dropped off at the DPW yard FREE of charge, Monday-Friday, 8:00AM—4:00PM with proof of residency. **No commercial vehicle tires are allowed**
- TVs and Computer monitors will be picked up on regular trash days by a separate truck FREE of charge. **This service is only for residents (no businesses).**

Household Hazardous Waste
Alternative Options
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/hhwhome.htm>

- 1. **Motor Oil:** Recycle used oil at the store from which it was purchased. Retailers are required to accept used oil for recycling (up to 2 gallons per person per day) as long as you can provide the purchase receipt. You may call the Used Oil Hotline at (617) 556-1022 to report retailers who are unwilling to do this.
- 2. **Photo Chemicals:** - Photographic waste liquids should not be poured down the drain if the house is connected to septic system. If in an area with a sewer system, developer and rinse solutions may be poured down the drain. Some photo processing businesses may accept silver bearing fixer waste for recycling and management.
- 3. **Surplus Paint:** - If the paint is usable and there is a reasonable quantity, it is recommended that one donate it to a community service organization or theatre group. Latex paint may be disposed of as trash if dry. To dry small amount of paint remove the lid and let paint dry in the can. For larger amounts, mix in kitty litter or pour one-inch layers in a cardboard box lined with a plastic bag. Stir the paint occasionally to speed drying, put completely dried paint in the trash. Hardened oil-based paint can also be disposed of in the trash.
- 4. **Household Batteries:** Non-rechargeable batteries such as AA, AAA etc. should be disposed of as regular trash. Rechargeable batteries should be disposed of on Household Hazardous Waste days.

Multi-family and Business Recycling

Multifamily property management, absentee owners, and small/ medium size businesses can take advantage of backyard/ basement recycling carts for collecting papers and commingled material. The Environmental Protection Office offers sturdy 65-gallon recycling carts at a reduced price of \$60.00 per cart. Please call (617) 625-6600 x5105 to discuss purchase. Please note that these carts are customized for easy mechanical pickup by a recycling truck, and other similar-looking carts may not be compatible.

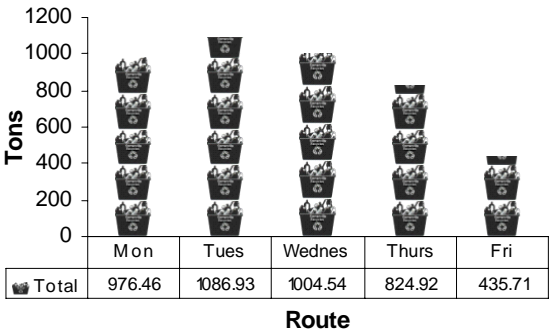


White Good Disposal Policy

"White goods" such as refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, cooking ovens, air conditioners, and hot water heaters **require a \$25 disposal sticker** to be placed on them for pick up. This sticker is available at the DPW Monday-Friday, 8:00AM—4:00PM., and must be paid by **CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY.** Make the check payable to CITY OF SOMERVILLE.

Recycling in your Neighborhood!

Annual Recycling - 2008



Holiday Trash/Recycling Pickup Schedule
2009 (Delayed by one day)
April 20 Patriot's Day,
May 25 Memorial Day,
June 17 Bunker Hill Day,
September 7 Labor Day,
October 12 Columbus Day,
November 11 Veterans' Day,
November 26 Thanksgiving,
December 25 Christmas,
January 1, 2010—New Year's Day
January 18, 2010—Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 2010—President's Day


MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Somerville Resident,

"Welcome to the 2009 edition of the Somerville Environmental Services Guide. This guide provides information on our recycling and waste programs and will help you keep your neighborhood cleaner and healthier. Managing these programs is part of the City's larger effort to maintain and improve our local environment, to improve our parks and open spaces, to conserve energy and to reduce our carbon footprint.

If you are interested in learning more about what we are doing to improve our performance in these areas, please read the report, "Sustainable Somerville: An Environmental Stewardship Plan" This report, which will be updated this year, may be found on the web-page for Somerville's Office of Sustainability and Environment at www.somervillema.gov. Also stay tuned for the Somerville Recycling Challenge, an opportunity to work with your neighbors to improve recycling city-wide.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Guide and for supporting our environmental programs. With your help we will improve our city's environment and create a more sustainable future for ourselves and our children."

Sincerely,


Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE –2009

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- 1. Yard waste will be picked up curbside on the regular trash pickup days on the highlighted weeks below.
- 2. Yard waste must be kept in paper bags or barrels marked with “yard waste only” stickers. These stickers are available FREE of charge from DPW customer service and Constituent Services 311 at City Hall.
- 3. Yard waste may also be dropped off at the DPW yard, Monday– Friday, 8:00AM—4:00PM, year round. PLASTIC BAGS will NOT be accepted. Bushes and tree limbs must be cut and tied in bundles that are not more than 3 feet in length for both pick up and drop-off.



Home Composting using Earth Machine

Yard waste, such as leaves, grass clippings and weeds, can make excellent compost. Fruit and vegetable scraps, plus food waste such as coffee grounds, tea bags, and egg shells can also be composted. The Somerville Environmental Protection Office provides Earth Machine compost bins to residents at a subsidized price of \$40.00. To purchase, please go to the DPW Customer Service Counter on second floor (1 Franey Road, Somerville, MA 02145, Office Hrs M-F, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM). Payments should be made either by check or by Money order. We don’t accept cash or credit card.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Your curbside trash day is also your recycling day. Please place commingled material in your blue recycling bin and mixed papers/cardboard - in a paper bag next to recycling bin. Please place all items you would like the city to remove curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your trash day, and not earlier than 4:00 p.m. of the day prior to your trash day. You can get one recycling bin for your household at the DPW yard, 1 Franey Road, between the hours of 8:00 AM—4:00PM, Monday-Friday, with proof of residency.

Acceptable Items for Pick-up:

IN RECYCLE BIN: Glass bottles, metal cans, plastic containers (#1-7), milk and juice cans as well as paper cartons,

OUTSIDE RECYCLE BIN: Mixed Paper and Cardboard: Newspapers, unwanted mail, envelopes, magazines etc. may be placed in a paper bag. *(Cardboard must be flattened cut and tied in approximate of 2'x2' size.)*

Shredded paper or excess recycling can be kept on the curb in clear / transparent plastic bags (separate bags for paper and commingle)

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS for Recycling: Plastic bags, Styrofoam, pizza boxes.

Rejection Policy:

Recycling items kept in plastic bags (exception: shredded papers in clear transparent bags), recycling bin containing papers and commingles mixed, or containing non recycling items will be rejected for recycling and a sticker will be placed detailing the desired change in the practice.



**FOR PAPER REMEMBER:
IF IT RIPS, YOU CAN RECYCLE!**

